

The man stood under the bright lights trying to decide. He had already run three-quarters of the way, but now he had to be careful. Everything depended on his decision.

He knew he was being watched. Would he be safe if he went home, or would the masked man be waiting for him? Home was in sight, but he was hesitating. If he made a wrong move, it would all be over. He peered into the night hoping for some sign that would help him know what to do.

He thought about the man in the mask. He would love to even the score. He took a few hesitant steps. Nothing happened. His mind was made up. He would chance it. He ran as fast as he could for home.

1. Where was the man standing?
2. Who was the man in the mask?
3. Why was he afraid to go home?

Reflect on your thinking as you were reading the passage.

What did you do to make sense of what you were reading?